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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC., PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF CALL SIGNALING RULES

CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90;
WT Docket No. 10-208

COMMENTS: June 22, 2012

REPLY COMMENTS: July 9, 2012

On May 11, 2012, Consolidated Communications, Inc. (Consolidated) filed a petition¹ seeking a limited waiver of the Commission's call signaling rules² adopted in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*.³ Consolidated states in its Petition that it requires the requested relief because "the Commission's rules impose burdens with respect to call signaling that Consolidated cannot reasonably meet, particularly in the instances where Consolidated uses Multi-Frequency Signaling or Dual Tone Multi-Frequency Signaling Technology in its network."⁴ Consolidated also requests relief in instances where its "enterprise customers . . . have multiple telephone numbers routed through a single PBX and . . . populate the CPN field with a number that is not their CPN."⁵ Consolidated explains in its Petition that, "requiring complete compliance with the Commission's call signaling rules in such instances would be unreasonably burdensome."⁶

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on Consolidated's petition on or before the dates indicated above. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁷ Two courtesy copies must be delivered to Belinda Nixon, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing

¹ See Petition of Consolidated Communications, Inc. for a Limited Waiver of the Commission's Call Signaling Rules in 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208, at 1 (filed May 11, 2012) (Petition).

² 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601(a).

³ See *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011), Appendix A, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601(a)(1) & (2) (rel. Nov. 18, 2011), *pets. for review pending*, *Direct Commc'ns Cedar Valley, LLC v. FCC*, No. 11-9581 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 18, 2011) (and consolidated cases) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*).

⁴ Petition at 1.

⁵ *Id.* at 4.

⁶ *Id.* at 1.

⁷ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A232, Washington, DC 20554, or via e-mail at belinda.nixon@fcc.gov.

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This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of the Consolidated Petition. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁸ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations,

⁸ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Belinda Nixon, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1520, or via e-mail at belinda.nixon@fcc.gov.

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